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CANNERY MANAGEMENT WILL CELEBRATE

Greatly Enlarged Plant to Be Formally Opened for Business in April.

Things are moving along at a pretty lively rate, out at the Grants Pass Cannery and the Courier reporter who visited the large plant Monday found the hum of industry on every side.

Shipments of canned goods from last season's output are still being forwarded to the large markets on the coast and Manager Sampson remarked that already this plant is succeeding in establishing a good reputation and the demand for this pack is unusually brisk, the dealers finding that the goods are "just as represented," and already the big wholesale firms are making inquiry regarding next season's product.

Then, in the spray manufacturing department the work is going on at a lively pace. Sampson's Spray being turned out by the barrel and even when the plant is worked to its fullest capacity it is inadequate to the ever increasing demands.

A car of barrels and another of sulphur had just arrived and shipments were going out, a car being sent to Oakland, Douglas county, and another to a California party, while the local demand is exceptionally good, a dozen barrels being taken out into nearby orchards that day.

On April 3 will occur the first anniversary of the establishment of the cannery and it is proposed to celebrate that event with a big demonstration along the fruitgrowing industry line. The big addition to the cannery will be completed by that date and already the new machinery has been ordered and will be in working operation by that time.

Several able speakers are to deliver addresses on that occasion and the event promises to mark a new epoch in the history of the fruit industry in this valley.

All this means much for Grants Pass and Josephine county and now that the cannery project is no longer a mere experiment, but that its success has been fully assured great things may be expected from it.

GRANTS PASS LOSES TWO EXCELLENT PASTORS

By the resignation of Evan P. Hughes, the able pastor of Bethany Presbyterian church, which takes place next Sunday, after a successful pastorate of two years, Grants Pass loses another very excellent gospel minister.

Coming close upon the departure of Rev. C. O. Beckman, on account of ill health, who has been so ably carrying on the good work at Newman Methodist church, the people of this city feel the loss most keenly.

Mr. Hughes was only temporarily supplying the pulpit, although the Bethany people wanted him to become permanent pastor and several times urged the matter. However, inasmuch as he had some business matters elsewhere, requiring his immediate and personal attention, he thought this the opportune time to tender his resignation. His family will remain here until the close of the school year. His successor has not been chosen and the Bethany members realize, only too well that it will be a very difficult matter to fill the place which has been so acceptably filled by Mr. Hughes.

He will carry with him the good will and hearty best wishes of many people from all denominations in this city, where he has labored so faithfully and well.

The word that Mr. Beckman could not return and take up the work here, was likewise most unwelcome to his many friends and admirers in this community. He has decided to remain in Arizona or possibly he may go and take charge in Texas. Wherever he goes, he will find the best wishes of many friends in Grants Pass following him and hoping for a return of his good health and wishing him abundant success in his labor of love.

Really men tell the Courier that there is an unusually large number of newcomers in this city and that most of them will decide to make their home here.

SPIRIT OF PROGRESS IS ABROAD IN OREGON

From All Parts of the State Come Encouraging Reports.

Special Correspondence

Portland, Oregon, February 7, 1908

The spirit of progress throughout Oregon was never more pronounced than at the present time. The commercial organizations of the state seem to be determined to do more effective advertising than ever before. There is a spirit of organization in the air, and the biggest effort centers upon the colonist rates from March 1st to April 30th, and the \$30 rate from all points in the Middle West to all points in Oregon is emphasized in every advertisement and every appeal.

Salem held the greatest progressive meeting in her history last week, and is preparing to hold a celebration Tuesday night, February 18, at which time she will entertain several hundred prominent citizens from outside points and more than 100 of these will be from Portland and include the leading financiers, manufacturers, merchants and property holders of the city.

Eugene is attracting a large amount of foreign immigration, and similar reports come from Ashland and Medford. The Coos Bay country is busy in presenting its claims, while Eastern Oregon points are improving every opportunity to gain new citizens and new industries.

California has been aroused to the importance of the Pacific Northwest, and especially that of the great "Inland Empire," as a result of the magnificent excursion which is being entertained in Los Angeles by the Chamber of Commerce of that city today.

The positive assurance that Swift & Company and other great packing companies will locate enormous plants at Portland will give an impetus to the livestock industry of all this portion of the United States. The location of these packing houses will add to the value of the holdings of every breeder and producer of cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry, and the dairy products of Oregon will be trebled and find a market in every part of the world.

Five tons of printed matter, presenting in an attractive form, both by picture and by text, the vital facts relative to the important fruit districts of Oregon, have been distributed by the Portland Commercial Club within the last few weeks.

Tom Richardson, Manager of the Portland Commercial Club, left this morning for Los Angeles to attend the annual dinner of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

The Trans-Continental Passenger Association will decide, at an early meeting to be held in Chicago, upon the rates to Oregon points in connection with the National Democratic Convention at Denver in July. The Portland Commercial Club made this request and will work to bring many of these delegates to the Pacific Northwest.

Business Change.

J. L. MYERS has sold his barber shop on east Front street to M. Stanton, of Eugene, who will continue the business.

Mr. Myers has bought the half interest of Nate Bates in the barber shop on West Front street, next to Schmidt's cigar store, formerly owned by Myers & Bates, and is now sole proprietor. He will conduct the business and equip it in first class style. Mr. Myers will run three chairs, and will have N. Bates and M. Luckett for assistants. 1-31 ff

To the Public.

Pursuant to the solicitation of a large number of Republicans of Josephine and Jackson Counties I have decided to become a candidate for the office of District Attorney for the First Prosecuting Attorney's District, First Judicial District of Oregon, subject to the action of the Republican voters at the coming primary election.

My petition as such nominee will in due time be filed with the Secretary of state and along with it a brief statement of principles which will be made public.

Very respectfully,
B. F. MULKEY,
Jacksonville, Oregon, February 5, 1908.

ANGORA MEN TO HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING

Members of the Southern Oregon Association Will Assemble in Grants Pass.

The adjourned meeting of the Southern Oregon Angora Breeders Association will be held in Grants Pass on Saturday, February 29, in the City Hall at 1 p. m. sharp. The preliminary organization for this Association was effected two weeks ago at a meeting held in this city, at which time C. E. Marmon was chosen temporary president and Charles Meserve, temporary secretary. The meeting was attended by most of the Angora breeders of Josephine county and after a general discussion of the objects and scope of the proposed association it was decided to have but one organization for all Southern Oregon and to take in as members all the goat raisers and others interested in the development of the Angora industry in Josephine, Jackson, Douglas and the other counties of Southern Oregon. The membership fee was fixed at \$1 and the annual dues at \$1. The cost of shipping mohair is to be paid by those shipping as done by the members of the fruit growers' associations. At the meeting on the 29th permanent officers will be elected and preparations made for shipping this season's clip of mohair. Secretary Meserve has arranged to have C. A. Malboeuf, of Portland, district freight agent for the Southern Pacific, present and he expects to be able to secure the attendance of E. L. Maylor, of Forest Grove, one of the largest breeders of Angora goats in Oregon, who will give an address on the care of goats and the preparations of the mohair for market. The meeting will be open to the public and it is expected that all those interested in the Angora goat industry in Southern Oregon will be present.

The objects of the Southern Oregon Angora Breeders Association are to ship mohair in car lots direct to the factories in the East, thus saving on freights and the big commission to the middlemen; to co-operate in the buying and selling of breeding animals; to secure instructions for the members as to how best to shear their goats and how to separate the fleeces in grading the mohair for baling and shipping to; wage war on coyotes and other pests of the range; to allay the prejudice and teach the public that goat meat is as palatable and tender as is mutton; to hold meetings from time to time to discuss the various factors that enter into the successful carrying on of the Angora industry and to aid in the development of this industry in Southern Oregon.

Something special for the Ladies Saturday at Gibsona. 2-21 ff

The other day Editor Wimberly, of the Roseburg Review was a visitor in Grants Pass, and upon returning home he gave his impressions in his paper after this fashion:

"A member of the Review staff was in Grants Pass on Thursday and found the agitation for street paving there almost as active as it is in Roseburg. Had they known a little earlier of Roseburg's excursion to Eugene next Monday, a big delegation of Grants Pass boosters would have joined us on that occasion. However, the feeling there seems to be very strong toward going right ahead with the proposed work of street paving. Sixth street is being spanned with two elegant big arches, one on either side of the railroad track. These are suitably inscribed, setting forth to all travelers the advantages and excellent resources of Grants Pass and Josephine county. The Commercial club there is very active and has just set apart \$2300 for advertising purposes. This will include the issuance of 20,000 pamphlets of 84 finely illustrated pages, and a page advertisement in the Sunset magazine for one year. Medford is doing similar and even more extensive work along these lines. These two southern Oregon towns are emulating the example of Eugene in demonstrating to the outside world that their respective localities are 'on the map' and are fine places in which to locate and make profitable investments."

ROSEBURG EDITOR FOUND GRANTS PASS PROSPEROUS

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China Nest Eggs, 3 for 10c; 35c per dozen. Hair-Riddle Hdw. Co. 1-31 ff

STATE ENDEAVORERS HAVE BIG GATHERING

Plans for the 18th state convention of the Oregon Christian Endeavor union, to be held in Eugene, February 20 to 23 inclusive, are well under way. The state president, Rev. C. T. Hurd, of Corvallis, announces that a strong set of speakers is being secured for the convention. The list includes Rev. L. R. Dyott, pastor of the First Congregational church of Portland, Rev. W. H. Foulks, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon, President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, Revs. J. J. Evans, D. A. Thompson, A. A. Winter, and others. The program is not yet complete, but it includes conferences for the delegates, and open meetings for the people of Eugene, also three simultaneous meetings for Sunday afternoon, the last day of the convention—one each for men, women and children. The railroad has granted the usual one and one-third fare to all delegates.

Eugene Endeavorers have organized the necessary committees, and will provide entertainment for all accredited delegates. H. A. Soulien is chairman of the entertainment committee, and all names of delegates should be sent to him. There are between 200 and 300 of the Christian Endeavor societies in the state, and an attendance of fully 30 delegates is expected.

VERY RICH STRIKE AT FAMOUS "ORIOLE" MINES

Owners of This Rich Property Are Finding Some Extra High Grade Ore.

Somewhat of a stir in local mining circles was made this week, when "Corey" Mattison, the old-time mining man and one of the fortunate owners of the famous "Oriole" mine, located in the Galice district, came into the county seat, bringing some specimens from that camp.

This was in the shape of specimens that assayed from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to the ton! Of course it was "good to look upon," and miners hereabouts were greatly interested in witnessing the glittering sight.

Mr. Mattison reported that his people were shipping ore by the carload to the Tacoma smelter and that it had been bringing \$400 per ton, right along, with little variation. But this new strike has raised their expectations not a little and they are anticipating some mighty interesting returns from future developments in that camp.

Colonist Rates. As has been the custom for several years past the Railroads leading to the coast have agreed on a colonist rate, a little higher than in years past, but still a very attractive rate, and it ought to have the effect of bringing a large number of immigrants to Oregon this spring. The rate is effective from March 1st to April 30th and is substantially as follows: from Chicago \$38; from Missouri river common points, Council Bluffs to Kansas City inclusive, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, etc., \$30; St. Louis, \$35.50. Usual stopover privileges will be given on these tickets. 1-24 ff

The Nashville Students. This popular aggregation gave a very entertaining program last evening to a well filled house. The jig dancing was about the best ever given here, everyone who came on seeming to be better than the one who was on before. The jokes were for the most part new, and some were better than those usually given. The company is a good one for a fun giving entertainment, and pleased the people. —Rapid City Journal, April 23.

Grants Pass Opera House, February 26. 2-21 ff

J. F. Rice, of Los Angeles, and Frank Groves of Grants Pass, are fitting up a room in the Endicott building for a tailor shop—ladies' tailoring as well as gents'. A French dry process cleaning will be one of the features of the new firm.—Kunnett Copper Outlook.

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ELECTRIC LINE FOR ALL SOUTHERN OREGON

Active Steps Being Taken by Eastern Capitalists to Bring This About.

There now seems to be a very strong probability that the long desired electric line, connecting the cities of Southern Oregon will be consummated in the near future.

This week Capt. F. L. Evans, the well-known Jacksonville financier and promoter has been in Grants Pass this week, going into details regarding this proposed laudable undertaking.

Capt. Evans informed the Courier representative that the project was well thought of and that there seemed to be good reason for expecting that it would eventually reach a successful culmination. He stated that prominent eastern capitalists were at the back of the movement and that all they desired was that the people of the various communities which would be benefited by the proposed line show their interest in its success in a manner to leave no doubt that they desired its success.

The plan is to have the line tap all of the prominent cities and towns between Grants Pass and Ashland, and the manner in which the people will be asked to lend their assistance will be in the matter of taking stock, when the enterprise is ready to be launched.

Those in a position to know, assert that the idea is altogether a feasible one and that the people who are endeavoring to promote it are wealthy and have practical knowledge of such large enterprises.

A dispatch from Chicago contained this bit of information that may prove to be of more than passing interest to the people of Grants Pass: "Municipal ownership received another rude jolt today when the city authorities decided to cut down forces in the city department 60 per cent. This will throw out in the cold world 300 ardent M. O. advocates who have been looking wise and drawing fat salaries. It is said that the 300 men who will be retained can do better work than the entire force of 500. Another feature of the elimination of the municipal ownership remnant is the mysterious disappearance of much costly material which cannot be traced to any completed work. Under Duane's administration, brass foundries, iron foundries and even a furniture factory were established. They afforded an admirable refuge for the municipal ownership advocates, but did little else."

Owing to the heavy expense of maintaining the fire alarm system—about \$100 a year—and no funds coming in to meet the demands on the treasury, the fire department has decided to give up the alarm system and turn it over to the city. At the last meeting of the City Trustees an order was made allowing the fire department the sum of \$5 a month for the purpose of keeping up the alarm system, and it is probable that the department will continue the service. —Crescent City News.

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CITY COUNCIL TAKES ACTION ON PAVING

Committee Makes Recommendation Regarding this Matter.

Last night the city council held an important meeting. Among other matters, the following business was transacted:

Committee on paving reported in favor of bitultric pavement for Sixth street, between K and B, and for G, from Gilbert Creek to Seventh and on F, from Fifth to Seventh, the streets to be improved fully 30 feet from the edge of the sidewalks. A coating of crushed rock 18 feet wide was recommended for north E, from Evelyn avenue to Sixth, and on south K, as well as on Sixth, to Rogue River bridge. The committee, consisting of Messrs. Kinney, Tuffs and Coburn was allowed \$68 as car fare, to go and inspect Eugene and other Willamette Valley city streets and obtain paving information.

The name of Wm. Lister was ordered to be placed on the list of "Common Drunkards," as required by law.

The application of H. L. Gilkey et al. for the grading of Josephine street, as well as the request for the improvement of Division street, were denied inasmuch as the charter expressly states that all such improvements shall be done at the expense of the abutting property owners.

W. H. Pastillo's application for a blanket railroad franchise was turned down.

Quite a good sized grist of bills was passed upon and allowed.

An ordinance, paving the way for regulating the water rates, was passed and another for a sidewalk on Fourth street, between H and the Bridge was passed upon.

The bond of City Treasurer Johnson in the sum of \$1000, with J. T. Tuffs, F. H. Schmidt and Claus Schmidt, as sureties, was filed and approved.

NEW POSTMASTER HAS ASSUMED HIS DUTIES

Geo. W. Donnell, Grants Pass' new postmaster, assumed the duties of his office last week and the Courier inadvertently neglected to mention the fact. Mr. Donnell is getting his hand in in fine style and it will not be long until he has the work well in hand.

Appreciating the efficiency of F. A. Newell, who has been ably assisting retiring Postmaster Harmon, Mr. Donnell has already forwarded to the Department the name of Mr. Newell as his assistant.

It is understood that for the present, at least, he will make no changes in the other members of the force and it may be that he will retain all the help which Mr. Harmon had.

With the constant growth of the business of the office and the possibility that this may become an office where the city will have free delivery, ere long, the new official is likely to find the need for more of a force, soon.

The Courier, one year \$1.80.

Big Reductions

—ON—

WALL PAPER

To make room for Spring Stock

New Goods on road from Factory

Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.

R. H. O'Neill

THE HOUSEFURNISHER

Front St., bet. 6 and 7

Stoves and Ranges, Granite ware, Agate ware, Tinware, Woodware, Willoware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy China, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.